

# The Carlsbad Current

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## FOR THIRD RESERVOIR

Now Is the Time To Safeguard Present Plant and Save Excess Water for Our Own Lands.

Says F. G. Tracy.

The bells are ringing now, to call the people to a united effort in strengthening and increasing the value of the Carlsbad project water right. That can be done by an extension of the system, and Francis G. Tracy, president of the Water Users, who returned from a meeting of the Western States Reclamation Association recently, is planning to get the thing under way at once. Mr. Tracy, who attained the signal honor of being named director on the association for the entire state of New Mexico, said to a Current man yesterday:

"The method to pursue, I believe, is not only to protect against a diversion of water for power purposes at the state line, but to go actively after that water ourselves. We have always regarded it as the property of the Carlsbad project, and it's time now to establish our title.

"My plan is this, that I want the people who would be under the high line canal, and the people who would be under the extension of the project, below Malaga, to organize their interests into irrigation districts, and apply for surveys to be made by the state engineer. If these surveys are made, we will have two definite concrete projects to put before the engineers at a later date, two projects which will rest on their own merits, as to which of them will get the water. State authorities approve of the formation of irrigation districts, and I would like to see these two districts formed at once. Meanwhile we will go after the big appropriation in Congress, and if we get it, we can go ahead with one of these two projects, either the high line canal, or the extension of the project, below Black river. Both of these projects are valuable, in that they would irrigate much land, would, in fact, double the irrigable area of the project, and there is much state and beneath each project.

"We will go after the two hundred and fifty million dollar appropriation in Congress, but if we do not get it, we will be in a position then whereby we can in some way finance a third reservoir, using McMillan as a sitting basin. Never before were we in so favorable position to invite outside capital to the building of such a reservoir as we are now, for the cotton data which we have at hand would convince any capitalist that such a plant would be productive. There are, of course, some questions to be decided: first, regarding the proper method of doing this, but George Rasmussen's interest on bonds for a limited period, and some such plan could be inaugurated here."

When asked regarding the water supply for the third reservoir, Mr. Tracy said:

"This third reservoir would store one hundred and ten thousand acre feet, double what McMillan holds. Measurements of waste water during the last ten years run from thirty thousand acre feet, to nine hundred thousand, but the average of any two years never fell as low as eighty thousand feet. The third reservoir would safeguard the

Minutes of the Meeting of the Bryan Amusement Post, American Legion.

Carlsbad, N. M., Dec. 2, 1919.—Meeting was called to order by Post Commander Bujac at seven thirty p. m.

Motion by Mr. Rarey and seconded by Mr. Hewitt, that the first and third Tuesdays of every month be selected as the regular business meeting night at Court House or place as may be designated, at seven thirty p. m. Carried.

Celebration committee made report. Mr. McLenathen made the following report of the committee of finance on the funds and expenses of the proposed celebration, which was called off on account of possible danger of influenza epidemic, reads as follows:

Our expenses were as follows:

Advertising	\$ 66.75
Committee to El Paso	70.00
Telegrams	3.91
Postage	1.92
Labor	4.50
Refunds	108.00
Clerical expenses	21.00
Total	\$276.15

Balance in Bank 113.57

The committee states that each subscriber's pro rata had been refunded if he so desired. Many business men left their entire subscriptions up with the Legion as the nucleus for a sinking fund which will amount to one hundred and ten dollars for which the members wish to express their appreciation.

Moved by Mr. Bristow that the committee's report be accepted, seconded by Mr. Finley, carried.

Moved by Major Bujac and seconded by Mr. Finley that the American Legion attend services at the Episcopal church Sunday, January the fourth, 1920; carried.

The Elks extend an invitation to all members of the American Legion to the Elks' Charity Masked ball to be held at the Armory Wednesday, December tenth, 1919.

Moved by Mr. Finley and seconded by Mr. McLenathen to adjourn until the next regular meeting night Tuesday, December 16th, 1919, at Court House, 7:30 p. m. Carried.

E. P. BUJAC, Post Commander.

CHAS. W. RAREY, Post Adjutant.

present water rights to an absolutely unquestioned permanence, and would furnish ample excess water for twenty to thirty thousand more acres, using the present plant as far as was practicable, in the distribution of the excess water.

Mr. Tracy has received an immense amount of data regarding irrigation projects in New Mexico since his return, and will have to assimilate and classify this information so that he may fitly present it to the Congressional committee who will act on the big appropriation which is asked by the irrigation managers. The projects asked for in the New Mexico program include the completion of the Carlsbad project, the completion of the Rio Grande project, entirely new irrigation projects in the northern part of the state which would irrigate almost a million acres, and the drainage of the middle Rio Grande valley. Mr. Tracy will leave soon for Washington, there to confer with other irrigation experts in the completion of a program for putting the big appropriation through Congress.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club this morning, two hundred dollars was appropriated by the Club to help in payment of the allotment of six hundred which the people of the Carlsbad project have been assessed in furtherance of the matter.

## SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

Governor of New Mexico Authorizes Announcement of Gathering to Be Held This Month.

The legislature probably will be called for a special session, possibly before the end of December, primarily on account of the coal miners' strike. Governor Larrazo today authorized announcement of the probability of the special session, saying that as far as he could state now, it was virtually certain that he would make the call.

The republican state executive committee has been called to meet in Santa Fe Thursday for the purpose of discussing the matter, and it was expected that the governor will issue the call immediately afterward, naming the reasons for which the law makers are called to assemble.

The legislature will be asked to remedy conditions arising from the strike and the call will include reference to ratification of the federal women's suffrage amendment, permitting the lawmakers to take action on that question. The governor said definitely that the suffrage question would be submitted, but further than that he had nothing to say as to the program for the special session.

The strike has practically been brought to the end, largely through the governor's firm hand. In the Gallup field production has been brought almost to the normal volume in the last few days and the Hatch field has been turning out practically its normal tonnage for some time. Production, however, has failed to prevent distress in parts of the state. The calls from small towns, nearly all of them on railroads, for fuel have been coming to the state house in increasing numbers. They are out of coal on the eve of the coldest period of the New Mexico winter.

Relief from the seemingly growing coal shortage may be one of the things that the legislator is asked to provide, as far as remedial action is in its power, but that is not official. The governor did not know what action he would recommend as the result of the strike, although that was believed to be the conclusive reason for his statement that a special session was virtually certain.

The only definite announcement as to what the call would include was the governor's statement as to the suffrage amendment. He has been urged by women's organizations to call a special session for ratification, but his attitude has been that, in view of the action of the last legislature on suffrage for women, it would be a useless expenditure of state money to call a special session for that purpose alone.

Operations at Sisters' Hospital, Sylvia Area, Monday. C. Lopez, a major operation. Tuesday. Benson Merchant, Monday. Ed Brown, of Dog Canyon, Friday. Tusque, of Lovings, Friday. The daughter of Crescencio Martinez, to day. Pedro Mejia who was discovered to have a double appendix; Mrs. Holly Endall, of Miami, Ariz., a major operation, Monday. Lydia Navarette, a major operation, Tuesday. Marie Gallardo, a major operation, Wednesday. D. W. Robbins, of Aspen, Col., Wednesday, and J. R. Whalen of El Paso, Thursday.

Mrs. Asbury Moore writes to the Current from California that she is having a fine time, but that she will not be back until the new year.

Oil Well To Be Drilled Over In Culberson County, Texas.

Tom W. Owen of Mineral Wells and Curtis Seavall of Dallas, have contracted to put down a deep test well on section 2, block 91 in Culberson county, says the Pecos (Texas) Enterprise. It is predicted that Mr. Owen will rush the work and as oil indications and geologists' reports both indicate a fine oil field there, the chances are that the Pecos oil field and Toyah oil basin will be extended farther west by this test.

STOCKWELL TO PUT UP BUILDING.

The Stockwell Accessory Company announces the erection of a new building on the corner of Greene and Canyon streets. This is to be concrete, metal-roofed, fire-proof, filling station, thirty-six feet by twenty-eight. It will have a double driveway, with entrance on the west, and exit to the south, facing the Ohmhus garage. Stockwell has an electric driven visible gasoline pump of the very latest model ready to be installed, and will handle a full line of lubricants and accessories. The building will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of twenty-five hundred dollars, and will be completed, it is hoped, within sixty days.

Give me your orders for any oil stock you see advertised anywhere. It will cost you no more, it only cost you less. "NEW MEXICO NEXT." F. M. DENFON.

## WOODMEN OF THE WORLD MEETING.

A very important meeting of the W. O. W. was held Thursday night Dec. 4th, at the I. O. O. F. Hall. It being the regular night for the election of officers, the following persons were elected for the ensuing year: E. S. Kirkpatrick, C. C.; Homer King, Adv. Leut.; J. B. Leck, Banker; E. S. Myers, Clerk; Wilmer White, Escort; James Kennedy, Watchman; Dave Geer, Secretary; D. Jackson, Manager; and Henry Collins, Captain of Degree Team. O. E. Little, of Roswell was present and gave an address on Woodcraft. He told about the great end the W. O. W. has done since it was organized 27 years ago. Where it had placed over \$50,000,000 in homes, some of which had not been for the W. O. W. but it would have been in very destitute circumstances. He also explained the new rate which goes into effect Dec. 31, 1919, and which makes the W. O. W. policy as sound and safe as any insurance. The W. O. W. will now be 100 per cent solvent and will never have to change their rates. After the able address of Mr. Little, the Camp, by an unanimous vote, endorsed the action of the Sovereign Camp which met at Chicago July 17th, 1919, and also pledged their support to the Sovereign Commanders, W. A. Fraser. Several new applications were presented and acted upon, after which the members enjoyed a feast of good things to eat. The next meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 18th, at which time several candidates will be initiated.

The Current recalls to announce the retirement of Ray V. Davis from the photographic business in Carlsbad. Davis has made an increasing success in the photographic business, practically untrained, and finally achieving artistic success in photography which would give credit to a metropolitan studio. His exhibition of baby pictures, before his recent illness was ample proof of his arrival in the artistic photographic field. Davis brought also energy and business ingenuity to his work, and a ten minute stay in Carlsbad would convince any stranger that Davis was "the photographer" in town. However, questions of health require his return to the fields, and his many friends hope that he will speedily recover the health which has been impaired by close attention to the work.

A sad death was that which occurred last Saturday at Queen, when Mrs. John Perry, nee Alice Rayburn, died at the J. C. DeMoss home at Queen. Mrs. Perry left a months old baby girl to be cared for by the bereaved mother, who yesterday gained admittance for the little one at the Eddy County hospital. Mrs. Perry was the niece of the Magby brothers. Burial took place at the Queen cemetery, Sunday. Mrs. Perry was widely known all over the mountain region for her power to ward off the evil which finally fell. It is said that the father, who is a freighter, hopes to find a private home or the little one, where it can be reared as he would hope to have it done, had its mother lived.

John Rasmussen, of Del Rio, Tex., has been prospecting for the last ten days hunting for sheep, but left the Springs hotel where he had been domiciled, Thursday, without finding a satisfactory bunch.

Aunt Julia Shattuck is very critically ill at the home of Mrs. Thayer, her daughter, and it is feared that she may not recover. She suffered a slight stroke on Thanksgiving, and has not gained strength since then. All relatives of the aged pioneer have been informed. Dolph Shattuck and Ralph Thayer getting in at midnight last night. Lewis Means and wife and Ned Shattuck and wife were down yesterday from Arteson on a hurried call. Virginia and Walter, and Mr. and Mrs. Collin Gerrells are also in attendance from the ranch.

Last Saturday Mrs. Eugene Roberts gave a bridge luncheon in honor of Mrs. George Roberts, at their pretty Canal street bungalow. Four tables of guests were entertained at luncheon, three tables being afterward prepared for the bridge players. Mrs. John Barber won high score for the afternoon.

The Master Mason degree will be conferred by Eddy Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M., at a special communication called for Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. This special communication has been called also in honor of J. Frank Henderson of Malaga, who will celebrate his 64th year as a Mason, December 6, 1919.

The Gerlach and Myers auction sale at Malaga on the third was another indication that money is plentiful in the valley. Stock sold high, a grey mare bringing two hundred and thirty-seven dollars. Other animals sold in proportion. Even the gin threatened to catch fire. Auctioneer McElvinn was in no way disconcerted, and carried his sale on with his usual happy manner. A fine lunch was served by the Baptist Church. Watch the Current for advertisements of the Arthur and Fleming sales later in the season.

## CASE AGAINST EX-POSTMASTER HARVEY IS DISMISSED.

Government Does Not Bring Former Carlsbad Postmaster to Trial.

The case against John R. Harvey, former postmaster of Carlsbad, was dismissed by the government Monday of this week the defendant never coming to trial. S. D. Stennis, attorney for the defendant, had arranged for a dozen character witnesses to attend court Tuesday, but they were not required.

Last summer Harvey was removed from the postmastership, an inspector finding an alleged shortage of five thousand dollars. Later the ex-postmaster was indicted by a federal grand jury. The action of the court Monday clears the official state, and friends of Harvey are rejoicing that he was not brought to bar.

Johnnie has not yet announced his future plans.

## COTTON REPORT.

Bales ginned up to December 5—

Carlsbad	527
Oris	1,825
Loving and Malaga	1,569
Total	3,921

Wet and cold weather has greatly retarded picking. H. P. Chittenden reports the high sale mark of sixty-two cents.

## MISS LENNIE JONES MARRIED.

The Current wishes to announce the marriage of Miss Lennie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Jones, to Carl Stenz of Miami, Arizona, on the twenty-sixth day of November. The wedding was performed by the Rev. Fred J. Hart, of the First Presbyterian church at the altar of the edifice, and was attended by only immediate members of the family and a few friends. After the wedding, an elaborate supper was served at the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Lennie is a choice product of Eddy county. She is of that rare type of Western girl, more real about than actually known, who is equally at home at a round up, in a business office, and in a cultured home. Miss Lennie can cook like Mrs. Rorer, ride a horse better than old Steve, can take stenographic dictation faster than the average man can think, and Castle herself isn't more popular on a crowded ball room floor. And when one may add to these accomplishments a kindly personality and a generous fund of comeliness, it is easy to add that Miss Lennie is as nice a girl as ever wore spurs, or drove a racing Buick.

The groom is a responsible officer in the Inspiration Copper Co., of Miami, where the two will live, in a home recently purchased by the mining man. Stenz served twelve months with the colors, and has been a friend of the family since their arrival in Globe in 1916. The Current joins with all other friends in expressing felicitations.

## Departure of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Roberts.

This week marks the departure for Clovis of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Roberts, a departure not likely to be considered by their many friends. The Roberts-Deborah company has acquired a third store in Clovis, and its logical manager is George Roberts, who has been identified more or less actively with the local store, ever since he was able to sell an article of hardware over the counter. Two interruptions only mark his absence from the store, those marked by his enlistment in the navy and his service as assistant cashier of the State National Bank. Since his return from service, Roberts returned to his first love, the hardware business, and bids fair to become one of the foremost merchants in that line in the state. Friends are equally regretful in losing Mrs. Helen Roberts, whose popularity has been amply attested by the numerous social functions given last week in her honor. During the war Mrs. Roberts had charge of the Junior Red Cross work in Carlsbad schools, and her work then put the Junior Red Cross activities on a high plane of usefulness.

Carlsbad friends bid Mr. and Mrs. Roberts good cheer and the best of luck in their new home, and hope that they will frequently return to Carlsbad, and keep old friendships green.

An informal reception will be given immediately after the business meeting of the Home and School association, at its meeting tonight. The session opens at seven-thirty.

F. G. Tracy, Vice-Pres. Anne L. Dalton, 2nd Vice-Pres. Lewis E. Alexander, Secty.-Treas.

## ABSTRACTS AND CERTIFICATES OF TITLE

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## RECLAMATION PLANS ADOPTED AT SALT LAKE

Determined Effort Led by Governors of the Thirteen Arid States, Will Be Made To Secure Congressional Appropriations For Completion of Development in Irrigable Areas.

By Francis G. Tracy.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 23.—With the selection of an executive committee and the definite adoption of a request that congress appropriate for the use of the United States reclamation service \$250,000,000 for the completion of projects under way and the building of others which have been planned the Western States Reclamation association adjourned its first conference yesterday afternoon. Gov. D. W. Davis of Idaho, who called the conference, continues as president of the association. W. W. McDowell of Butte, Montana, governor of Montana, was elected vice president, and the various state delegations selected their committee members.

Members of the executive committee so far selected follows: Colorado, Fred L. Lucas of Denver; Wyoming, Frank C. Emerson of Cheyenne; Idaho, R. E. Shepherd of Jerome; Nevada, Charles E. Coo of Fallon; Texas, R. E. Burson of El Paso; Arizona, Simon Elie of Phoenix; New Mexico, Francis G. Tracy of Carlsbad; Montana, J. D. Edwards of Great Falls; California, Dr. Edward Mead of Berkeley; Oregon, James A. Carper of Salem; Washington, E. F. Blaine of Seattle; Utah, W. R. Wallace of Salt Lake City.

A long meeting of the executive committee was held in the Hotel Utah Saturday night, at which W. W. Armstrong of Salt Lake was chosen treasurer of the association. Each of the thirteen arid states was represented, with the exception of Nebraska, and it was announced by the Nebraska delegation that a selection of their committee would be made as soon as they arrived home and could consult with Governor McKelvie.

Committee to Washington. It was agreed at the conference that a meeting of the executive committee should be held in Washington as soon after the opening of the regular session of congress next month as possible. Governor Davis, backed by the committee, proposed to urge the governors of all the states represented in the association to go to Washington for this meeting. It is then proposed to meet with the congressmen and senators from the western states, outline to them the program formed at the conference here, and make plans for placing it before congress.

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Forty thousand dollars will be raised at once among the thirteen states to finance the work of the association in bringing the attention of congress to the program outlined. California, Idaho, Montana, Texas, Utah and Washington are directed to raise \$4,000 each; Colorado, Nevada and Oregon \$3,000 each; Arizona, New Mexico and Wyoming \$2,000 each; and Nebraska \$1,000. These recommendations were made by the finance committee and unanimously adopted. The members of that committee, assisted by the executive committee members, will be charged with the duty of raising these funds at once, by whatever means may be considered best in each state.

Resolutions outlining the policies to be pursued by the executive committee were adopted yesterday afternoon after extensive debate in

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